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On numerous occasions the Leona Valley Town Council has brought forth their concerns regarding potentially disastrous traffic safety issue at the intersection of 90th Street West and Leona Avenue. This intersection, located in the unincorporated area of the Antelope Valley, has gained attention through an on-going community debate that has of yet been unresolved. Although the east-west direction of Leona Avenue does have a stop sign, the more heavily-traveled 90th Street West does not, allowing high speed traffic to go through the intersection unimpeded.

Although the Department of Public Works studied this neighborhood and is moving forward on several traffic control devices at other locations, staff remains opposed to the installation of a four-way stop sign at 90th Street West and Leona Avenue.

The intersection of 90th Street West and Leona Avenue is a dangerous intersection for several reasons. The intersection is located directly adjacent to Leona Valley Elementary School. Pedestrian traffic is unusually high due to the number of children being dropped off and picked up, by their parents, at the school. Despite CHP enforcement patrols, drivers regularly speed in this area, and neighbors and Town Council members reported literally dozens of "near misses." Individuals traveling Northbound on 90th West come to the intersection down an incline which can inadvertently allow vehicles to enter the intersection at a high rate of speed and provide minimal reaction time should pedestrians be in the crosswalk.

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Staff of the Department of Public Works has indicated, on several occasions that the installation of a four-way stop sign is not “warranted” pursuant to existing Departmental guidelines. While the department’s program to install traffic control devices at other locations in this neighborhood is commendable, residents are insistent that a four-way stop sign is necessitated at the intersection of 90th Street West and Leona Avenue.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works to install four-way stop signs at the intersection of 90th Street West and Leona Avenue. The Department shall report back to the Board of Supervisors within thirty days concerning the installation of these stop signs.

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